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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
TOMOYUKI ITO , ET AL.

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Examiner: Mondt, Johannes P.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXECUTING AN OPERATION IN A PRESSURE VESSEL OF A
NUCLEAR REACTOR

AMENDMENT WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2009, the date for responding being August 11, 2009, and in conjunction to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Originally-Filed Specification as follows:

(a) In par. [0024], beginning on page 4 and bridging into page 5, please amend as follows:

- - [0024] When body 1 is further suspended and lowered, body 1 is drawn due to the gravitational force of weight 6 of guide 3 which has already entered the interior of jet pump 10, as body 1 follows guide 3. Bellows 8, which covers joint 7, may have a function to restore guide 3 to a original position, since bellows 8 is made of an elastic member. Thus, guide 3 is biased to return to an appropriate position with respect to body 1. In this manner, body 1 is inserted into the interior of jet pump 10 substantially[[,]] without varying the posture or the angle of operation apparatus 100 as a whole. - -